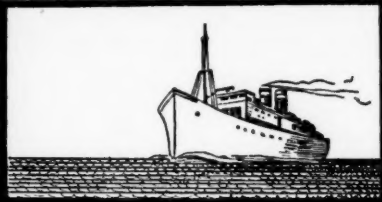


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Scott's 1939 Advance Sheets

THE Advance sheets of the 1939 Scott Catalogue have been appearing the last few weeks, the U. S. Section arriving only last week. Taking advantage of the illustration laws, this section is now fully illustrated, making the catalog much easier to use for identification purposes. No change is noted in listings other than addition of new issues and price changes. Largest of the price changes was that increasing the Special Printing 1882 5c to \$1500 from \$500 but this of course affects few collectors as most of us never see this stamp. First price change in this edition is the advancing of the 5c St. Louis "Bear" from \$350 to \$500. A few other rarities have been increased in sums as large as \$300, but other than these the average change is from 50c to \$1.00, with a few as high as \$10. Most changes are in the issues from 1890 to 1921.

In those issues before 1890, unused, we note: the 3c No. 33 is now \$5; 3c lake (No. 66) up \$10; 15c 1869 type I up \$2.50; and 219d up 50c. Almost all the Columbians are changed, the three highest being raised \$5 each and lower values in proportion. High values of the 1894 regulars are up as much as \$10 and the '95s are also increased.

Commemoratives show increases mostly on the earlier issues and none at all on most since 1923. The Omaha set now is priced at \$116.90 (was \$107.05), Pan-Americans are now \$14.30 as against the former valuation of \$13.20. The 5c and 10c Louisiana increase a dollar each. In the Panama-Pacific the 10c perf. 10 increases to \$40.

The regular issues 1902-1921 show increases from a few cents on lower values to a dollar or so on the higher values, none of the increases being startling ones. The coils are generally stepped up, the 10c 1910 reaching \$70. No. 546, the 2c Coil Waste is now \$6 both used and unused, an increase of 50%.

No great change is made in 1922-25 listings. The 11c yellow green is still listed as minor variety making the listings of early issues as separate major varieties due to largely imaginary or plate varieties look absurd. Type II of the 2c coil No. 599 drops from \$12.50 unused to \$5.00 and from \$1.50 to 50c used, reflecting the large numbers found and still being found. The 4c Kansas is doubled from 50c to \$1 the others showing smaller increases. Few changes are noted from here on.

The Farley issues are still listed in a confusing manner. The 16c airmail-

special delivery is still so listed, as well as the souvenir sheets of the Century of Progress, Byrd, etc., though all of these are listed elsewhere in the order in which they first appeared. Since the C. of P. and Byrd panes may be identified only by their having the wide untrimmed selvage (and then only on outer panes) it's a case of a stamp having a different catalog number because of the width of the adjoining selvage! Here are some listings badly in need of revision, if not omission.

Airmails show the usual increases to be expected, the 1918 set going to \$8.75 from \$7.50, the 1923 from \$6.60 to \$8.25. The 1930 Zepp set is dropped from \$56 to \$45, reflecting the fact that despite the small quantity issued, supplies are equal to the demand. The 50c Zepp (which the *Colliers* article said had reached \$8.00) is now priced at \$3.00 unused and \$2.50 used, a sensible quotation. The Parcel Post set increased a little over \$5 and the 1916 Special Delivery is now a \$10 stamp. The 10c Registry also advanced 50c unused. Envelopes and Revenues are illustrated as before.

Though the African kingdom has always been generally termed Ethiopia, the Scott catalog continues to list it as Abyssinia and therefore it remains first country in the foreign section. Most noticeable change here was the almost doubling of the 1931 airmails, other stamps having been cut in price. The 1931 Red Cross are unpriced. In Argentine the inverted center varieties of the 1910 Centenaries have been dropped to \$100 each from as high as \$300. Austria's 1936 Dolfuss stamp is now \$25 as against last year's \$3.00. The 1908 and 1910 Commemoratives have advanced considerably and the WIPA stamps to \$8.00 and \$10. Belgium's 1915 high values dropped slightly, but the Semi-Postals show large increases, the 1932-33 more than doubling, No. 486 going to \$10 from \$3.50. Bolivia's 1925 Centenary 1c and 2c drop to 30c each, reflecting the history of these two, once so elusive. Canada's 1897 Jubilees increased 10 to 15% used and unused on several denominations as do the 1908 values. The 1923-24 2c perf. 12 coil advances to \$2.00. Canal Zone's chief advance is the \$1.00 "flat A" overprint on U. S. jumping from \$6 to \$8 and other values in varying smaller amounts in that issue. Chile's regular issue of 1936 shows some advances, the high value 10 peso jumping from \$1 to \$3.50. Colombia still has No. 378 listed though this stamp is not

known to exist. The 1935 Olympic Games has jumped principally in the 10 peso high value, this going to \$20 from \$12. Costa Ricans will protest the continued listing of the 1921 Centenaries as labels, but should feel good on seeing the Cocos Island maps really increase. Cuba shows but trifling changes and the imperforate Free Port of Matanzas are still not listed. Curacao's 1934 set remains priced at figures only a little over the net price asked by foreign dealers.

The Czech 1934 National Anthem pair of sheets are a mere \$50 taking them out of the reach of most collectors. Danish West Indies remain stationary reflecting the peculiar fact that the stamps of this U. S. territory, for some reason do not interest U. S. collectors. About the only change in Dominican Republic is an increase of approximately 25% in the National Library set. In Ecuador some cuts are noted, generally small, but on issues as recent as the 1936 Darwins. Egypt's high value King Fuad pair of 1927-29 were increased in unused condition but dropped in the used column. The Farouk set of 1929 in scarce colors increased 50% on the two higher values. Most other changes are minor.

The last King George V set of Falklands shows a jump of as much as 25% on individual stamps and the Centenary set has been increased to \$162.60 from \$115.60. Fiji's first postage due stamp is now a \$100 item unused and just half that used. Finland shows slight increases, though the Graf Zeppelin airmail is now \$3.50 used as against the former \$1.75. The error "1830" for "1930" is now priced for the first time—\$50.

Under France the 1925 souvenir sheet is \$6 perforated and \$200 imperforated. The Strasbourg pair is up a dollar. The 20fr. of 1933 jumps to \$11 from \$4. The second Ile de France air advances to \$125 but the first airmail stamp drops to 75c. The 1/2c newspaper stamp of 1933 is increased from 2c to 3c, possibly the biggest of all increases proportionately, as the stamp sold for about one-seventy-second of a cent.

French Equatorial Africa has blossomed considerably, now listing 54 stamps as against the 6 of last year's listing. In Germany most issues remained stationary, though the airmails in most instances dropped slightly. Only the 1931 Zepps and 1934 regular airmails show advances. Increases are noted of \$5 for the Iposta sheet, 1930 and 1932 semi-postals show advances, while the Brown Band sheet drops to 50c reflecting the unsuccessful dumping of these.

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The Penny Black advances from \$20 to \$25 unused and a quarter to \$2 used. Morocco Agencies overprints in Spanish currency have on issues of 1934-36 been increased considerably; those in British currency dropping in the Jubilees to \$7.50 and the regular first set of 1935-36 being now priced at \$12.25 for the first time; only slight changes upward being noted in the French currency overprints.

The 1933 Greek Zepp set drops to \$1.55 and later airmails are increased slightly. Guatemala, due to the sets for President Ubico includes nearly a page and a half of additional listings (and more are on their way). Honduras shows no change in the miniature sheets of the huge 1920 stamps, seemingly the collectors overlooking these. Hungary shows only minor changes.

The catalog illustrations are as in previous editions, being of reduced size, though halftones seem favored as against line cuts, all being defaced with a horizontal line despite the illustration law. In pricing, the souvenir sheet stamps are now priced per sheet or set of sheets, whichever way they were issued, rather than as single stamps as in other editions. Though the section reviewed is somewhat less than one-half of the book, we note that 35 more pages are necessary to cover these countries, furnishing a fair idea of the number of new issues appearing since the 1938 edition.

—R. R.

Lancaster (Pa.) Forms Club

The newly formed Philatelic Society of Lancaster County composed of members from the Pennsylvania city and county of that name will hold its initial meeting September 12 at Hotel Brunswick, Lancaster. This is the newest chapter of the A.P.S. and has chosen the name "James Buchanan Chapter" in tribute to the one-time U. S. President who was a native of Lancaster. The inaugural meeting will be in the form of a dinner, with A.P.S. President Carter Glass, Jr., as guest of honor. Officers are: Robert Rupp, President; V. W. Voris, Vice-Pres.; Rollin L. Charles, Secy., 510 Race Ave.; James L. Knipe, Treasurer; Robert H. Goodell, Sales Manager and J. Andrew Frantz, A.P.S. Representative.

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
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Dominican Treaty Issue

The Dominican Republic has just issued a set of three stamps commemorating the formation of the "Trinity of 1838." This Trinity was composed of the three men who founded the republic, Francisco del Rosario Sanchez, Ramon Matias Castillo Mella and Juan Pablo Duarte. They worked actively to gain independence for the eastern half of the



island of Haiti from the black republic of that name, success crowning their efforts in 1844. The central design includes the Declaration of Independence of the Trinity, of which Duarte was the author. A literal translation follows:

"In the name of the august and holy trinity of omnipotent God we promise on our honor to support our President Juan Pablo Duarte to cooperate to the definite separation from the Haitian government and to found a free and sovereign republic, independent of all foreign domination, that shall be known as the Dominican Republic and at this same time we choose as the national flag a tricolor divided into quarters of red and blue by a white cross. Meanwhile we pledge ourselves to the sacred trinity: God, country and liberty. And we declare before God and the world that with divine protection we shall succeed and my partners punish me for perjury and treason if I fail them." The stamp is peculiar in design, the above wording being inclosed within the triangle formed by the names of the three conspirators, since become known as the "Trinity." In the upper left corner is shown the gate at Trujillo where on Feb. 27, 1844 independence was proclaimed while in the opposite corner appears the flag in natural colors. Both Duarte and Mella died in foreign countries while envoys many years later, while Sanchez faced a firing squad in 1861 when captured during a war. All three have appeared on the Dominican issues.

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The August National Geographic pictures a scene very similar to that on the new 6c Canadian air mail. It shows the steamer, the "Distributor" at Aklavik on the Mackenzie River, Northwest Territory.

A stamp for 175th anniversary of the Battle of Bushy Run of the Pontiac War has been requested by historical societies. Fortunately for stamp collectors, the request was a little late as the anniversary was on August 5-6. Battle took place 20 miles from what is now Pittsburgh.

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229 90c	Orange, 1890	\$32.50 \$4.65
314 1c	Green, 1906	4.60 1.10
320 2c	Carmine, 1906	5.00 1.25
498 1c	Green, 1917	.18 .04
504 5c	Blue, 1917	.45 .11
507 7c	Black, 1917	2.00 .48
509 9c	Salmon, 1917	.20 .22
511 11c	Dk. Green, 1917	2.50 .60
512 12c	Dk. Clar. Brn., 1917	.80 .19
516 80c	Org. Red, 1917	2.75 .60
517 50c	Violet, 1917	3.40 .82
523 32c	Orge & Black, 1918	70.00 17.50
612 2c	Harding Impf.	1.80 .48
631 1 1/2c	Rty. Imperf.	1.50 .35
658-68 1c-10c	"Kansas"	19.25 4.90
669-79 1c-10c	"Nebr."	23.25 5.45
771 16c	Impf.	2.20 .55
1303 8c	Green, Air	2.20 .85
1312-14 65c-\$2.60	Zepp	166.50 40.25
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Notes From Abroad

By WARREN M. POMEROY

Rothenburg, Germany, July 14 — A great number of young German children have taken up stamp collecting recently. Their collections are mostly limited to those stamps they can salvage from letters and obtain from friends. The older collectors do not show so much interest in U. S. stamps as the Dutch do, rather they specialize in specimens from this continent.

The small stamp markets display cheap values and low-priced collectors supplies because the average German collector can afford no better. I have, however, found some very nice old collections which contain many fine items. These were formed before the time when German marks were forbidden to leave the country.

Prices here are about the same as in the U. S. A. for most everything. The older U. S. issues bring nice values when in good condition but there are few on the market.

Small packets are on display at most dealers and prove ready sellers. Several young boys visited a shop I was in last week and spent a whole morning in looking at packets before spending a few pennig. The Germans are thrifty but get much enjoyment from their collections.

The Forum

Linn's Weekly Stamp News,
Columbus, Ohio

Dear Sirs:

I "Lost—Patience" too when I read Miss Nesbitt's contribution to your column complaining of her so-called overdose of new U. S. stamps.

There can only be one answer to this letter. This individual is not a philatelist nor even a stamp collector, but a stamp investor. She belongs to that group who think of stamps in sheets, blocks, strips, first day covers, and so on "ad infinitum." The rational common sense collector knows that with a little pleasurable care in selection and an investment of less than \$2.00 he can purchase finely centered single copies of all U. S. stamps issued and those to be issued from Jan. 1 up to Sept. 1 of this year 1938. Two dollars in eight months.

We find upon looking into our album that it was in 1922 that our government last issued a new regular series of stamps. After 16 years most of us welcome a new issue of postage stamps.

More real stamp collecting and less investing and hoarding is the stabilizing factor we need in our hobby.

R. Cedric Anderson,
North Platte, Nebr.

The stamps of the Northern Mutual Telegraph Co. form the subject of an interesting story in *Scott's Monthly*. Therein are printed letters of the '80s which relate that less than 50 of the scarce stamps were actually used. A full sheet of 35 unused was recently found, which contained one or two rows of each value.

Firemen Briefs



Nelson P. LaGanke of the Mint Sheet Brokerage. The H. T. and C. D. (Donald W. Martin of Cleveland) also announced that Carter Glass, Jr., President of the A.P.S. also survived the exacting tests. Next conflagration is expected to be the one at the Pittsburgh Golden Jubilee of Oct. 8 and 9. Firemen we understand are already polishing those mammoth nickel-plated badges and towering tin helmets in anticipation of a record number of "conflagrations" this fall and winter at the various annual parties and open house meetings. We think the Panama firemen commemorative most appropriate for illustrating this item.

Edward H. Spranger of Philadelphia has favored us with a copy of the *Postal Record*, official journal of the letter carriers, which includes interesting items on postal affairs.

The Hydrant Tender and Chemical Dispenser of the Visiting Firemen of Philately vacated his seat at the checkerboard long enough to issue a bulletin a few days ago. Among new recruits added at conflagrations during the past few months we note J. Edward Vining of Webster Groves, Mo., and

The British Viewpoint

We reprint the following which appeared in the *Philatelic Trader* under the heading "Catalogue Price-Cutting — An Underhand Practice.": —

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King Carol of Roumania to protect and strengthen his hold on the throne and counter-act the Nazis has formed the Straja Taraii (Sentinels of the Country) which enrolls all the country's youth in much the same manner as Mussolini's Balilla. This accounts for the long set recently issued by Roumania with portraits of various famous leaders and rulers.

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Editor's Notebook

TRAVELING STAMP SHOW Newest development in American philately is the announcement of a "Philatelic Truck" to be operated by the Post Office Dept. The idea is credited to President Roosevelt and if operated on the plans announced will do philately no harm and a great amount of good. Already newspapers have commented sarcastically on the idea, one claiming the move is simply to build up good will toward the Great White Fathers down Washington way. If that's its purpose, we predict success. This scheme should prove a financially profitable one as well, though that of course can not be claimed to justify this or any other scheme.

The press release by the Dept. mentioned the exhibits will be worth "a million dollars," but those of us familiar with the frames of printer's waste similarly ballyhooed in the past, will automatically shift the decimal point a few ciphers over to the left. We hope the Dept. will include only items of philatelic interest and import in the frames,

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The model rotary press should be a very interesting item and it can be hoped that the department will stick to its announced determination to issue souvenir prints of some kind from it—NOT postage stamps. Inevitably some group will pop up to ask that its show or dinner be honored with a souvenir postage stamp sheet printed on the press and we know our readers will be unanimous in hoping the answer is a short quick NO.

—R. R.

Garfield-Perry Club News (Cleveland, O.) reports that two of the clubs members who spend their time dashing madly from one First Day City to another, are contemplating publication in the near future of a "Guide Book to First Day Cities and Their Bar Rooms." This should be a popular volume!

Possibly the most significant design among recent new issues is that issued by the Spanish rebels for Morocco; an airplane flying over a cemetery.

A New Jersey Representative has asked for a stamp to publicize National Fire Prevention Week in October. If issued we suppose it would be printed on asbestos paper.

"I understand the Northwest Territory stamp design was taken from a monument erected by the W. P. A. It looks it."

—Clinton L. Chalfant.

During the excitement at Williamsport, Pa., over the idea of Daylight Saving Time, one Chester S. Hill, 585 Anderson Ave. wrote thusly to the local newspaper: "Daylight saving nuts and stamp collecting idiots are in the same category. It's a shame that the press feels it necessary to humor them in order to promote peace. Kindly inform them of my opinion." The editor labeled this as the "most impressive letter" received on the subject. But he didn't say in what way he was impressed!

Do you want a file of LINN'S free? Seymour Rich, 3409 West Fifth Ave., Chicago, has one for the last six years which he offers to anyone in the district who will come and get them. His telephone is Kedzie 2961.

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U. S. NOTES

Sharp-eyed collectors in Orlando, Fla., noted that the tree in the design of the Swedish-Finnish Tercentenary stamp appeared bare and leafless and wondered why, if the actual tercentenary of the landing was in June when trees should be more fully clothed. Actually, the tercentenary celebration was some months after the actual anniversary. The first Swedes sailed for America in November, 1637, and landed early in 1638. Exact date is not given in histories, but even using the clumsy sailing vessels of that time would get them across before the end of January. So leafless trees are correct for the design. Wm. S. Branch of Orlando asked this interesting question.

Possibly the most frequently reported "errors" of U. S. stamps, usually are the commonest values in colors other than those listed in the catalog. Green stamps are reported as being in blue and blue ones in green, purple stamps are reported in red, and yellow and orange stamps in brown. Almost invariably the specimens reported are used stamps, single copies only. These stamps which at first glance appear to be "errors" are actually only color changelings. The color has been changed by chemical action, either by accident or by intent. Generally it is the former. Chemicals in the air in various industrial districts will affect stamp colors, chemicals in water in which used stamps are soaked will also change them usually because some chemical was accidentally introduced. Oxidation accounts for the change in color of yellow and orange stamps, though this is frequently so irregularly in the design of the stamp that the reason is at once obvious. We have seen an exhibit by a collector who was also a chemist of all sorts of wrong colors of U. S. stamps, looking as bright and genuine as if just printed, but all of which were made by applying chemicals to normal stamps to change the original color. The possibility of any U. S. stamp being issued in the wrong color is remote and collectors should observe extreme caution in buying any stamps in wrong colors.

When the new rate of 3c per ounce on first class mail was announced on June 7, 1932, the P. O. Dept. announced

the 3c purple stamp then being prepared was to "supplement" the 3c Bicentennial commemorative and the 3c Lincoln stamp of the then current regular issue. Further down in the notice was the clearly stated intention to supply postmasters with whichever variety of the three was on hand. The Lincoln design was, however, not reprinted except once, for the 125th anniversary of his birth.

On page 626 we illustrated a double print of a 1c Ohio Sales Tax stamp and now S. Morton Shulman of Dayton, Ohio, sends in an even more peculiar error on these. This is of the 6c green and brown, but the entire green portion of the design is missing on both halves. Since the brown portion of the design contains only the figures and title of the stamp, the resulting stamp is peculiar to say the least. The serial number in black also appears. Since the brown is printed first it can be assumed this error was caused by two sheets sticking together after the brown was printed and only the top sheet receiving the green portion of the design when that color was printed. Mr. Shulman also reports these stamps cut apart so imperfectly that fully a quarter of the adjoining stamp appears. These are printed in large sheets, the individual stamps being cut apart and wire-stitched into books of 100 of the commoner denominations and others simply in pads of 25 or 50 with rubber-band to hold them together. Pairs or blocks may only be obtained from proofs, and are also believed to exist from unfinished sheets stolen from one of the printers. These stamps are printed on a safety paper bearing a design in gray with outline map of Ohio containing the words "Ohio Sales Tax" appearing between horizontal lines several times on each stamp. In the supply of the 2c red and blue in the office here, we found one copy which has the bottom half of one stamp and the top half of another, both portions being normal in printing. The black serial number however appears in normal position in relation to the margins of this freak stamp and therefore runs across the gutter between the two halves.

The Constitution Ratification and Delaware Tercentenary stamps have been listed and numbered by Scott's in their monthly supplement as catalog numbers 835 and 836 respectively. The designs are numbered A307 and A308. The new \$1 light violet Duck Stamp is numbered 5704.

A Dentist's Rebellion

The little 400 reis olive-brown commemorative stamp recently issued by Brazil portraying a crude monument with a large star upon it turns out to commemorate the 145th anniversary of the first attempt to establish a republic in what is now Brazil. In 1792, a young



dentist, Jose da Silva Chavier, led an insurrection against the Portuguese, then controlling the country as a colony. The insurgents were termed "Tiradentes" this being the Portuguese name for dentists, meaning literally "teeth-puller." The stamp's inscription, "Primeiro Grito De Republica No Brasil" means "First Cry for a republic in Brazil." The rebels lost and the young dentist lost his life for his treason.

The stamp commemorating Tiradentes is about 38 years late in appearing. A stamp of the 50 reis denomination, portraying "Tiradentes" was scheduled as part of the set to be issued in 1900 commemorating the fourth centenary of the discovery of Brazil. For some reason this value and others were omitted from the set finally issued that year.

Resolution on Catalog Prices

The Austin Stamp Club of Austin, Texas, recently passed a resolution calling upon the publishers of the standard catalog to "use all diligence in the early revision of prices in the Standard Postage Stamp Catalog to the end that each quotation therein contained shall be, as nearly as can be determined at the time of going to press, the actual retail market price in the United States of such and such stamp."

(Editor's Note—We understand that by the 1940 edition the entire catalog will be revised as to contents, so the wish of this club may be answered to a great extent.)

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The Postage Stamp Parade

A Record of New Issues and New Discoveries

By RAY SHEPARD—1529 Duxberry Ave.—COLUMBUS, OHIO

CZECHOSLOVAKIA—Pictorials. Engraved, unwmkd., perf. 12½. One is upright and the other horizontal rectangular format:



50h. blue green (Plzen)



50h. blue green (Kosice)
(Morris Jacobowitz)

DAHOMY—Type of 1913. Unwmkd., perf. 13x14:

- A5—35c. blue-green & green
- A5—55c. gray-green & chocolate
- A5—80c. henna brown & ultramarine
(Scott's Monthly Journal)

DANZIG—Arms type. Sheets of 100 (10x10) honeycomb wmkd., perf. 14:

A19—3pf. brown on buff
Postage Dues. Typographed, sheets of 100, wmkd. swastika, perf. 14:

- D2—30pf. blue & black
- D2—100pf. blue & black
(R. Roberts)

ESTONIA—Scott's Monthly Journal transfers from the tentative listings, to the regular, the four issued in a miniature sheet, chronicled by us April 30th.

Whitfield, King & Co. report that the four stamps noted by us July 16th, in addition to being issued in large sheets, were also issued in miniature sheets showing one each of the four stamps.

FRENCH OCEANIA—Type of 1931. Unwmkd. Perf. 13x14:

- A14—35c. deep green
- A13—55c. blue
- A13—80c. violet brown
(Scott's Monthly Journal)

FRENCH SOUDAN—Type of 1931. Unwmkd. Perf. 13x14:

- A5—35c. olive-green & green
- A5—55c. ultramarine & carmine
- A5—80c. carmine & brown

GERMANY—Commemoratives. 100th anniversary of Count Zeppelin. Engraved, unwmkd., perf. 13½. Two different designs:



25pf. blue
50pf. green

(L. A. Russell)

GUINEA—Semi-Postal Stamp. Printed in sheets of 10 (5x2), perf. 11½. Sold at double face

50c. olive & pale green
(R. Roberts)

LEBANON—Air Post Commemorative. Photogravure, unwmkd., perf. 11. Large horizontal rectangular format:

- 10P. maroon (View of Beyrout and portrait of Noguese)
(Benjamin T. Baroody)

LITHUANIA—1938 Olympic Games Issue. Semi-postals. All are vertical format, unwmkd., perf. 14. Each stamp is in two shades, the left half being light and the right dark of the colors noted:



- 5c. plus 5c. green (Archer)
- 15c. " 5c. orange (Javelin Thrower)
- 30c. " 10c. blue (diver)
- 60c. " 15c. sepia (relay runner)

National Scout Jamboree. Above set, overprinted with emblem and three words "Tautine Skautu Stovykla" on 5c. and 60c. Same overprint except wording changed to read "Tautine Skautu Stovykla" on 15c. and 30c. Overprint is in red on 5c. and 30c.; blue on the 15c. and black on the 60c.

(L. A. Russell)
(Scott's Monthly Journal)

MADAGASCAR—Jean Laborde Commemorative. Engraved, unwmkd., perf. 13. Large horizontal format, 40x26mm, sheets of 60 (5x10):

- 35c. green (Portrait of Jean Laborde)
- 55c. purple (same)
- 65c. red (same)
- 80c. maroon (same)
- 1fr. rose (same)
- 1.75fr. blue (same)
- 2.15fr. brown (same)

(R. Roberts)

NEW ZEALAND—King George VI Issue. Another value has just appeared, issued July 1st. Engraved, wmkd., single lined N.Z. and Star. Perf. 14x13½:

- A79—1d. deep carmine
(A. J. Bower)

SPAIN—Offices in Morocco. Air Post Stamps. All values are vertical rectangular format, except the 50c. and 75c. These are horizontal. Unwmkd., perf. 13½; various pictorial designs:

- 5c. light brown
- 10c. emerald green
- 25c. red
- 40c. dull blue

- 50c. magenta
- 75c. ultramarine
- 1P. sepia



- 1.50P. purple
- 2P. violet brown
- 3P. black

(Morris Jacobowitz)

SPAIN—U. S. Constitution Commemorative. Large horizontal rectangular format, unwmkd., perf. 11½. Statue of Liberty in center with flags of U. S. and Spain to right and left in true colors. Balance of stamp in color noted below. Numerals of value in upper right and lower left corners:



1P. gray black

Air Post Provisionals. Scott's type A92 (The Black Virgin) has been overprinted "Correo Aereo" reading up on the left side and down on the right side and surcharged with new values as noted below. The old values are blocked out and the word "Monteser" at the bottom is overprinted with two aeroplanes:

- 50c. on 25c. lake (black)
- 1P. on 25c. lake (green)
- 1.25P. on 25c. lake (red)
- 1.50P. on 25c. lake (blue)
- 2P. on 25c. lake (green & red)

(Morris Jacobowitz)

SYRIA—Air Post Commemorative, Large transverse format, photogravure, unwmkd., perf. 11. Size of stamp 50x27½mm.: 10 P. deep green (Map and portrait of Noguese)

(Benjamin T. Baroody)

All Austrian stamps were withdrawn from sale at post offices on May 15 as upon that date the former Austrian currency of groschen and schillings ceased to be the currency of that portion of the new Germany.

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Gimbels Stamp Dept. report a new acquisition, the 3c Boulder Dam in a sheet of 55 instead of the normal 50. These stamps were printed from 200 subject plates, but instead of being cut into post office panes were perforated along the center lines. This pane is the upper left position of plate 21457 and includes a vertical row of five stamps from the adjoining pane. Between this extra row and what would have been normally the right row of the sheet is of course the full arrow and vertical centerline. Apparently when the large sheet was being separated, it was torn apart on the wrong row and this extra row folded under in such a manner the inspectors didn't see it. One other such sheet exists, Gimbels report.

Whoosits?

Here are the WHOOSITS of the eighth group. The answers to these five brain-teasers should be mailed us on a postal card postmarked no later than September 7. Try your luck and see if you can recognize these five persons who have appeared on postage stamps.

36. She met her husband in Brazil, married him in Uruguay and acted as his adjutant during his military campaigns in another country. She is shown being carried, dying, in the arms of her husband during a retreat. Whoosits?

37. He was Vice-President of the United States but died some years before the formation of the country which pictured him on one of its stamps. Whoosits?

38. For eight years his portrait as a baby was used on the stamps of three island possessions which he never saw. Whoosits?

39. Commander of military forces of a besieged town, the siege finally caused the issuance of special stamps, one design of which pictures him. He is better known for his founding a popular organization. Whoosits?

40. As a boy he worked on canals as drover of the tow mules but eventually was elected president of the country, only to be assassinated during the first year in office. Whoosits?

Here are the correct answers to the Fifth Group of WHOOSITS which were printed in LINN'S of July 16:

21. Robert E. Lee was the leader of an army in a rebellion who many years after his surrender appeared on a stamp issued by the victorious government, printed in the color of his uniform—the U. S. 4c Army stamp.

22. Sir James Brooke was the English adventurer who fought Malay pirates and was rewarded by becoming Rajah of Sarawak, being shown on the first stamps.

23. There could be two correct answers to this WHOOSIT. John Burgoyne was the Englishman forced to surrender to the rebel Americans and who is portrayed in that act on a stamp commemorating the 150th Anniversary—the 2c Saratoga stamp of 1937. Another Englishman, Lieutenant Governor Hamilton is shown on the 2c 1929 Clark stamp in the act of surrendering to Col. Geo. Rogers Clark. Since Clark later became a general, either answer was correct.

24. Ludwig Von Beethoven was the composer who was deaf for at least part of the time he composed. He is shown on stamps of both Austria and Germany and his symphonies are still popular though composed so long ago.

25. Atahualpa was the native ruler imprisoned by the Conquistador Pizarro, who exacted a fabulous ransom in gold. Murdered by the conquistadors, his funeral was a sham affair and is pictured on the stamps of Peru which now rules much of the once powerful Inca empire.

The winner of first prize for this group is Harry Malmros, 106 8th Ave., New York City. Second prize goes to Duane Locke, 2810 Morgan St., Tampa, Fla. 29 other readers answered all of these correctly, but the above two were drawn as winners. Better luck next time! Try your luck this time.

RECENT CANADA

We are listing below recent Canadian issues. We would advise you to fill in your vacant spaces in these attractive pictorials and commemoratives while they are still priced reasonably, as most of them were in use a comparatively short period of time, and are bound to rise in price. All stamps in fine or better condition, and satisfaction guaranteed unconditionally.

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145 12c Map	.64	.16	.40 .07
146 5c McGeen	.28	.07	.18 .03
147 12c Carmine	.64	.16	.40 .03
148 20c Carmine	1.00	.25	.60 .15
141-18 1c-20c Complete	3.20	.80	2.10 .45

1928 Scroll and Pictorial			
	Blk.	Sgl.	Blk. Sgl.
149 1c Orange	.08	.02	.06 .01
150 2c Green	.12	.03	.06 .01
151 3c Carmine	.50	.12	.30 .07
152 4c Olive Yel.	.24	.06	.22 .04
153 5c Violet	.28	.07	.15 .02
154 8c Blue	.44	.11	.40 .07
155 10c Mountain	.56	.14	.25 .02
156 12c Bridge	.65	.17	.60 .09
157 20c Reaper	1.20	.30	.80 .13
158 50c Blue-nose	3.00	.75	2.50 .45
159 \$1.00 Parliament	6.00	1.50	2.50 .55
149-59 1c-\$1 complete	12.60	3.15	— 1.40

1930 Leaf and Pictorial			
	Blk.	Sgl.	Blk. Sgl.
162 1c Orange	.08	.02	.06 .01
162a 1c Re-entry	1.50	1.45	1.60 1.40
163 2c Green	.12	.03	.10 .01
165 4c Bistre	.24	.06	.20 .03
166 5c Violet Flat	.40	.10	.30 .05
166a 5c Violet Rotary	.40	.10	— .10
167 8c Blue	.60	.15	.45 .10
168 10c Library	.56	.14	.15 .02
169 12c Citadel	.64	.16	.60 .06
170 20c Harvester	1.00	.25	.40 .03
171 50c Church	2.50	.63	— .10
172 \$1 Cavell	5.00	1.25	1.25 .30
162-72 2c-\$1 complete	10.80	2.70	— .70

1930 Color Changes			
	Blk.	Sgl.	Blk. Sgl.
176 1c Green, Die I	.12	.03	.10 .01
176a 1c Green, Die II	.12	.03	.10 .01
176b 1c Re-entry	1.60	—	— .10
177 2c Red, Die I	.16	.04	.20 .02

177a 2c Red, Die II	.12	.03	.10 .01
180 5c Blue	.28	.07	.10 .01
181 8c Orange	.44	.11	.35 .05
184 3c Perf. 12x8	.20	.05	.18 .04
185 2c Brn., Die II	.12	.03	.08 .01
185a 2c Die I	.40	.10	.40 .09
185b Ext. Moustache	1.25	—	— .01
186 3c Carmine	.20	.05	.08 .01
190 10c Cartier	.56	.14	.08 .01
191 3c on 2c, Die II	.20	.05	.15 .01
191a 3c on 2c, Die I	.28	.07	.20 .03
191b Ext. Moustache	1.25	—	— .03

1932 Ottawa Conference			
	Blk.	Sgl.	Blk. Sgl.
192 3c Carmine	.20	.05	.20 .01
192a Broken E	.75	.65	.85 .65
192a Pl. # Blk. of 8	1.00	—	— .05
193 5c Edw. VIII	.32	.08	.30 .05
194 13c Britannia	.72	.18	.70 .13
192-4 Complete	1.20	.30	1.20 .20

1932 Medallion			
	Blk.	Sgl.	Blk. Sgl.
195 1c Green	.08	.02	.05 .01
195a Flat Gum	.30	.08	— .01
196 2c Brown	.12	.03	.05 .01
197 3c Red	.20	.05	.05 .01
198 4c Bistre	.24	.06	.15 .03
199 5c Blue	.28	.07	.05 .01
199a 5c Re-entry	1.75	—	— .01

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Pan-American Flight Covers

W. A. Sallade, Pres. of the Tampa Stamp Club advises that his club is arranging for a cachet and covers for the flight to be made to all the Latin-American countries to promote the 1939 Hernando De Soto Pan-American Exposition opening in February at Tampa. Flight will start about Oct. 1 and those interested in details should write Mr. Sallade at 4408 Branch Ave., Tampa, Fla.

AUCTION CALENDAR

Sept. 15—Mail Sale. Lambert W. Gerber, 441 Arlington, Tamaqua, Pa.

Oct. 12—Sale at A. P. S. Convention, New Orleans. Lambert W. Gerber, 441 Arlington, Tamaqua, Pa.

Sept. 10—Mail Sale in California. Uptown Stamp Co., Calif. Branch, 10415 Woodbridge, N. Hollywood, Calif.

The Uptown Stamp Co. advise us that they have discontinued public sales in Los Angeles, since most of the California bidders due to distance they would have to travel, prefer to mail their bids. Hereafter all their sales in California will be mail sales. The New York office of the firm will continue their public sales. Watch this calendar for dates of future sales.

Anschluss has had its effect on the *Ukrainian Philatelist*, published at Vienna, for now it comes printed in German instead of Ukrainian.

Maybe there's no connection but a good guess on the reason for the choice of name of the new DISNEY, Okla. post office is admiration for the creator of Mickey Mouse.

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ONCE AGAIN

In a recent issue of the *Precancel Post* the Broadcaster for the New York Precancel Club, J. R. Boker, Jr., takes up the moot question of deleting handstamps from the future city type catalogs. Boiling down his discussion it amounts to this. That handstamps should be deleted in order to decrease the collectable varieties and attract new collectors. That the loss if any sustained on the holdings of handstamps would be in a big part compensated in the increase electro and printed precancels would take. That a minimum price be set at which the cheapest stamp in the type should be sold. We agree with almost the entire article and if some of our older readers will get out their back numbers they will find that we wrote about this subject to a considerable length in times past. The only thing we want to bring forth now on the subject is on the minimum price angle and to give you again Editor Linn's idea of how this should be handled and for which we have found no better substitute to date. Anyone who knows precancels knows that there are places using handstamps that are quite common, also some of the rarest of precancels are handstamps too. There then should be a master set of prices set in at least four or five classes. Class 1 prices for the commonest handstamps, class 2 for those just a little scarcer, etc. Opening the catalog at random I turned to Iron Mountain, Mich., Type 1 U-59. Now since it seems that these are rather scarce and if the plan adopted above were used these would be in Class 3 or 4 following the other notations. Here is how the full column now used would look under this plan. Iron Mountain, Mich., Type 1, Universal Style 59, Class 4. This would take up about an inch against a full column now used. If we came across a 10c 1922 Iron Mountain precancel and wished to catalog it we would look up the town in the catalog, note its Class and refer to the master chart to get its approximate value. And so we still think this is the best plan brought forth to cover this great need in the precancel field, that of reducing the size of the catalog yet giving it at least some semblance of a price guide.

ELECTRIC EYE NOTES

Not all of us precancel collectors are aware that already Electric Eye stamps have appeared of the 2c Presidential. Four plates 21895-6-7-8 have been released so far, with more in the offing. All of us know that we can identify ten of the stamps from each Electric Eye sheet by their having red dashes on the adjoining selvage. Another stamp in each sheet may also be identified, this being the stamp with plate number. In ordinary rotary press sheets, the plate number in the upper panes is in

the upper corner of the sheet, the top-most figure almost being on a line with the top of the plate number stamp; on the bottom panes the bottom figure is on a line with the bottom of the lowest stamp. In the Electric Eye panes the number is shifted down from the top (or up from the bottom, depending on the pane of course) to be almost centered between the top and bottom of the design of the adjoining stamp. An imaginary line drawn through the center of the stamp horizontally and extended across the plate number would divide the number about in half.

I came across a couple of other interesting facts. The EYE process does NOT regulate the horizontal perforations. It seems that so far RED is the only color to work satisfactory in the process. There might be a possibility of another identifiable item in the EYE stamps. Besides the vertical dashes and plate numbers, on the outside margin of the sheets on either the 10 or 100th stamp on right panes (not at all on left-hand sheets), there is a horizontal dash that runs from the perforations out to the end of the selvage. These dashes come in two different widths. The thick dash is made of closely engraved vertical lines while the thin dash is solid. A list of the old type Electric Eye plate numbers is at hand and any collector wishing same need but to write me.

NEW SYRACUSE ELECTRO

I believe that I have turned up a new electro being used at this place. It is similar to Type 8 but the letters are a little taller and thinner. You might say that it is a very thin U-10 type. What I noted were on the 1926-27 issue 2c.

NOTES

Jerome Lapin shows me the following recent items. 1c Pres., Roosevelt, N. Y. in U-121 and U-45; Wantagh, N. Y., 1/2c Pres., 3c Delaware, U-120; 1c Pres., Sayville, N. Y., U-120; 1c Pres., Center Moriches, N. Y., U-121; 1/2c, 1c, 1 1/2c Pres., East Rochester, N. Y., U-121. Other pick ups, 1/2c, 1c, 1 1/2c Pres., East Saint Louis, Ill., U-5. 2c Pres., Belleville, Ill., U-121.

A SHAME

Somewhere recently I noted an ad in the *Precancel Press* of the breaking up of a 50,000 variety precancel collection at 100 picked-at-random copies for \$1. These to be picked by a non-precancel collector. Any 50,000 variety precancel collection must contain many fine and rare items and to sell them out haphazard like this is really a shame. There are many collectors who would pay good money for the items they want and the average of such a collection should be much in excess of one cent each. This way of breaking up a collection might sound cheap but who will it benefit

much? Even if a selection of states is made the chances are very great that scarce items will be over looked and gaudy or seemingly unusual items will be the ones picked by the novice. And so I say it is a shame a big collection like that must be broken up in such a manner. On the other hand such ads have been known to be run when the truth of the matter was the collection was around 20 or 25,000 with 25,000 duplicates. This then is another matter and any 100 picked from such a collection filled with cheap duplicates would not be such a bargain.

Puzzle of the Month

S. Morton Shulman sends a clipping from the *Dayton (O.) Daily News* stating that one George Brodie, 24, of Brooklyn and an alleged stamp collector pleaded guilty before Judge Robert A. Inch to a charge of "mailing letters bearing cancelled postage stamps to obtain a double cancellation mark which increased the value of the stamps as philatelic rarities." The U. S. Asst. District Attorney said they were 2c and 3c stamps which Brodie had friends mail him. Mr. Shulman writes "He doesn't get it." Neither do we! Who knows the correct story?

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Also a few larger pieces of interest. The condition is good to fine. Naturally there are a few stamps not so fine, but these have been kept for lack of better copies and even these stamps catalogued up to \$20 even in fair condition are quite desirable. The collection should be a good buy for any small dealer, collector or trader. Catalogue value \$600. First certified check for \$100 gets the lot.

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There is an awakening interest in United States Private Perforations, such as the Schermack, U. S. Automatic Vending, etc., used in the correct period on cover. If some of you people are skeptical, try and find them yourself—you will find they are really scarce.

Plate Number singles, both mint and used are becoming very popular of late. Many dealers are now stocking these stamps, as collectors specializing in plate numbers prefer singles as they are much cheaper than blocks.

While fingering through a dealer's stock the other day, I came across a very interesting item. It was a superb copy of the Penny Black on cover, postmarked Christmas Day, Dec. 25, 1840. The owner has often referred to this cover as "Santa Claus comes to Philadelphia."

Herman Herst reports the sale to a New York collector of a set of covers with Hawaiian Numerals (Scott No. 21) used in combination with United States stamps. This was part of an original find made last spring in upper New York state.

It has been reported that several unlisted rarities of Persian stamps have just been located in the vaults of a New York dealer. These newly found rarities are miniature sheets, (five sheets to be exact) and were submitted to Scotts for insertion in the new catalogue.

The collector specializing in German stamps is finding it very difficult here in New York to secure the higher values of the Wagner set and similar issues in

corner blocks with full margins. These stamps are really scarce as supplies are non-existent.

The New York World-Telegram has discontinued its stamp page, ably edited by Ernest A. Kehr. The paper gave as its reasons the reduced advertising income and higher salaries which forced a smaller paper to be published than has been formerly.

Airmail stamps brought exceedingly good prices in a recent Kessler sale reported in the *Airpost Journal*. A number of items went for over catalog.

Dealers Form Chapter

At an interesting and spirited meeting of the New York City members of the A.S.D.A. held at the Collectors' Club on July 12th, the first local chapter of that organization was formed.

The aims of this chapter will be to discuss and solve problems of vital interest and importance to stamp dealers and the trade in general. Active committees will be set up to take care of these problems and to work out local ethical standards and fair trade practices. An educational program is planned which will lead to much closer cooperation and better understanding among members.

It is also believed that such steps will not only establish precedents for non-members, but they will do a great deal of benefit to stamp collectors. The local chapter will work with the national organization and cooperate with them in every way.

Monthly meetings will be held at the Collectors' Club, New York City, beginning Sept. 20, 1938. At the meeting the following officers were elected: F. R. Ferryman, President; Hamilton Hare, Secretary; Ed Buser, Jr., Treasurer. The President named the following as committee chairmen: J. J. Klemann, Jr., Eugene Costales, R. Lesgor, P. G. Keller, Gregory Mozian and Herbert F. Reuben.

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T. G. Nicholson, P. O. Box 32, Portsmouth, Va., will sponsor the following events: No. 10 & 11 keel-laying of two minesweepers at Norfolk Navy Yard. No. 12 Shakedown cruise USS Rowan, covers in sets of 8. Nicholson is still holding covers for shakedown cruise of the USS Boise, 8 covers. Send covers now. (*)

T. M. Holcombe, 4th, 126 Spout Springs Ave., Mt. Holly, N. J., is about to start work on another series of keel laying and launching covers within the next 30 days and if collectors want to send covers, (*) please do not send less than twenty, send them in right away and use regular size white wove envelopes for best results.

Howard L. Stevens, 301 Maple Ave., Clearfield, Pa., is the first sponsor to announce a cachet for Navy Day, 1938. Stevens will cover 100 different ships including the entire Asiatic Fleet. This will be a printed cachet in various colors. (*) Stevens will have the 1c, 2c and 3c Navy stamps available at face value for their covers.

Arthur J. Jankowski, 75 Woltz Ave., Buffalo, N. Y., will sponsor the following bi-colored cachets (*): Sept. 6, President McKinley shot at Buffalo from 2 ships and Buffalo; Sept. 14, President McKinley died from 2 ships and place of death.

Ralph Burkholder of Long Beach, Calif., sends in the information that G. E. Judkins formerly of the USS Parrott has been transferred to the USS Marblehead and will not be able to cachet and service covers on this tour of duty but all on hand will be sent out.

T. G. Nicholson, address above, will sponsor a cachet (*) for the shakedown cruise of the USS Stack, covers in sets of 8. Also Nicholson is holding covers for the recommissioning of the USS Capella, and first Day P. O., covers in sets of 2.

Loring W. Stannard, 218 Main Street, Derby, Conn., will accept covers (*) until Sept. 1st for the commissionings of the USS Ellet, Helena, Davis, Jouett and Wichita. Also Stannard will sponsor cachets for the shakedown cruise of the USS McCall and USS Sturgeon, 5 covers to each ship, deadline for cruises is Sept. 15th.

J. McLennan, 2056 West 13th Ave., Vancouver, B. C., Canada, will sponsor a welcome cachet to be mailed from two Canadian destroyers due to arrive from England in the near future. Canadian stamps on all covers (*) for this event, or coin to cover cost of same. Deadline Sept. 1st. McLennan will also sponsor a Navy Day cachet mailed from the Asiatic Squadron. Send up to 10 covers (*) ready to go, unsealed and unstuffed not later than Sept. 10th.

Philatelic Footnotes

In December the Pan American Conference will be held at Lima, Peru; watch for a new Peruvian commemorative stamp issue!

At this conference a serious attempt will be made to bring into creation that much-discussed plan for an American League of Nations. So far, in the inter-American agreements only Argentina and Uruguay have held back, and they because of European trade agreements they cannot afford to hamper.

But if the American League comes into being you stamp collectors might also be on the lookout for some new postage stamps celebrating the organization, which is certain to follow its formation.

—Montgomery Mulford.

(Editor's Note: Peru has just announced a set of three regular and three airmail stamps to commemorate this conference).

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The note on CARPENTER, N. C., being discontinued on August 15 was a little late, as it turns out that the P. O. Dept. didn't get around to ordering it discontinued until nearly five years after the actual closing (Dec. 31, 1933). Thanks to Richard Blockson for this information.

The National Association of Letter Carriers has petitioned for a stamp to be issued in 1939 to commemorate its 50th anniversary. With all the associations in the U. S. with strong strings to pull, such an issue would set an unfortunate and unpopular precedent.

Cincinnati has joined the numerous other cities in issuing wooden nickels to defray cost of the Northwest Territory celebration. There are two kinds, printed in red or blue, and may be obtained at face plus return postage from E. S. Horwitz, Box 525, Cincinnati, O.

Cuba is issuing a government Christmas "seal" as a new law requires the use of a special 1c stamp on all mail and telegrams between each December 1 and the following January 31. Proceeds to go to the National Tuberculosis Council.

—Wm. Stuart, Washington Post.

AUSTRALASIAN NOTES

R. PORTER

AUSTRALIA

Like U. S. A., Australia is also gradually replacing the current issue with new stamps which are appearing at irregular intervals. So far the following values have already appeared: 1d. (Queen Elizabeth), 1½d. (King George VI), 2d. (K. G. VI), 3d. (K. G. VI), 4d. (Koala), 6d. (Kookaburra redrawn), 1/- (Lyre bird "small"), 5/- (Queen Elizabeth in Coronation Robes) and 10/- (King George VI in Coronation Robes).

The values to be added to the above will probably be as follows: ½d, 5d, 9d, 1¼, 2/- and £1. The 1¼ stamp (used mainly for telegrams within the state) bearing a design similar to the 3d. value was to have appeared on July 1, but since supplies were not ready by then, the day of issue was postponed indefinitely.

The 1d. and 2d. values of the new regular issue, which were issued on May 10, 1937, will be replaced on August 1, by similarly designed stamps but with the royal portraits shown to better advantage.

Another pictorial addition to the Australian series will be welcomed on Sept. 1, when the 9d. value portraying the platypus makes its appearance. This stamp will differ in shape and size from those issued so far, for it will be of a horizontal format and slightly larger than the lower values of the new series.

The new flying boat service scheduled to commence early in August will carry all first class mails between Australia and England at the reduced rate of 5d. per half ounce (previous rate 1/6 — hence the "Hermes" design) and it might be expected that the new 5d. denomination will be more or less an airmail stamp, although this value is used also generally for the prepayment of registered postage within the Empire.

NEW ZEALAND

It looks as if here too the regular pictorial series issued in 1935 is being slowly but surely replaced by stamps bearing the portrait of King George VI.

The ½d. stamp of such a design replaced the pictorial stamp of the same denomination on March 1. The 1d. value was issued on July 1 and now it is announced that the 1½d. pictorial stamp is to be withdrawn on July 25 and replaced with a 1½d. value in the K. G. VI design on the 26th of July. The initial supply has been printed from plates bearing numbers 20 and 21. It is not known yet whether further values will also be replaced, but the possibility remains an open question for the time being.

For those who write up their collection, the following official description of the uniform of Admiral of the Fleet worn by King George VI as depicted in the stamp designs might be of interest: The

sash is that of the Order of the Garter, the chain round the neck (with medal decoration not shown in the stamp) is that of the Royal Victorian Order, the decoration pendant from the collar is the Sovereign's Badge of the Order of the Bath. His Majesty is wearing eight medals, but only the ribbons are shown on the stamp, the aiguillette is that of an Admiral of the Fleet, the epaulettes bear the Royal Ciphers "G.R." and "E.R.", the collar is embossed with gold oak leaves, and all the other work is carried out in gold thread.

The new ½d. and 1d. K. G. VI have also been overprinted "Official" and the new 1½d. thus overprinted will also be available as from July 26. A new value of the pictorial series, the 2½d. stamp also overprinted "Official" is to make its appearance on the same day.

First Day Calendar

- \$1.00 Wilson of new issue, August 29 at Washington, D. C.
 10c Tyler of new issue, September 2 at Washington, D. C.
 11c Polk of new issue, September 8 at Washington, D. C.
 12c Taylor of new issue, Sept. 14 at Washington, D. C.
 13c Fillmore of new issue, Sept. 22 at Washington, D. C.
 \$2.00 Harding of new issue, Sept. 29 at Washington, D. C.

Japan has inaugurated on a three-time-a-week schedule, air mail service from Shanghai to Japan. Postage rate is 40 cents (Chinese currency).

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